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Governor's Autism Council
Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2017 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Department of Health Services
1 W. Wilson St., Room 630, Madison WI 53707

Council Members Present: Nissan Bar-Lev; Pam Lano; Wendy Coomer

Council Members sending representatives: Matt Doll (for Vivian Hazell); Dr. Rebecca Thompson (for Glen Sallows)

DHS Staff: Deb Rathermel; Andrea Jacobson; Sam Ninnemann; Nancy Bills; Molly Tull

Public Attendees: Samantha Zeilenga; Laura Clark; Bob Johnson; Julie Quigley (ASSEW)

The meeting commenced at 10:07 a.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Members of the Council and Department of Health Services (DHS) staff introduced themselves.

2. Public Testimony

Julie Quigley (Autism Society of Wisconsin) shared her interest again in becoming a member of the Governor's Autism Council and has submitted her application.

- Members discussed that there are 13 Council member positions and currently 9 members are appointed.
- Member mentioned that individuals attending the meeting who are not actual Council members are unable to vote.

3. Operational

- *Approval of minutes from February 10, 2017, and May 11, 2017.*
A quorum of Autism Council members are not present, no action can be taken at this time.
- *Public Records law training* – all members have received the training document
- *Council website review and update* – by Molly Tull (Bureau of Children's Long Term Support Services)
 - Public website location: <https://autismcouncil.wisconsin.gov/>
 - Information provided there includes: Council Bylaws; Council Goals; Meeting Schedule and Meeting Minutes; Membership directory and contact information for Andrea Jacobson (Department of Health Services, Autism Council staff)

4. Bureau of Children's Long Term Support Services (BCLTSS) Update – Deb Rathermel, Bureau Director

1. Overview of BCLTSS Restructuring (dated September 2017) including the four programs it is responsible for: Birth to 3 Program; Children's Community Options Program; Children's Long Term Support Waiver Program and the Katie Beckett Program. These programs collectively assist in coordinating care and delivery supports and services for WI children with disabilities and their families. This restructuring has created a consistent, seamless, and comprehensive system for BCLTSS to better meet the public's needs. Handout given to members and public in attendance.
2. Budget and waitlist elimination update was presented.

5. Safety Committee Update – Wendy Coomer

1. Wendy discussed follow up for the safety committee efforts.

ACTION ITEM: Members requested that Andrea research and coordinate a presentation for a future meeting.

6. Follow-Up Items:

- **Review of Council Letter to the Governor**

Since there was no quorum, there was no final vote taken on moving the letter forward.

- **Update on DPI/DHS guidance to providers on Autism Services --** There was no update.

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting scheduled for February 8, 2018

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